

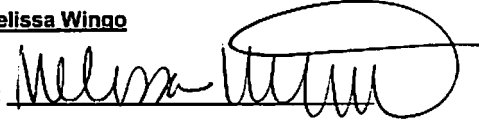
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COMPRISING BOTH A LAYERED AND A NON-LAYERED ARCHITECTURAL  
ENVIRONMENT

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Dear Examiner:

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R §1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action of January 7, 2009, the Applicant submits the following remarks and/or amendments. If any extension of time for this Response is required, the Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1379.

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.**